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A FLYPAST of aircraft inc–luding Second World War torpedo bomber Swordfish bombers and helicopters took place at the weekend over the former HMS Ringtail naval station near Burscough to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

A ceremony was held at the royal naval air station monument at Pippin Street before the aircraft passed over on their way to remembrance services in Liverpool.

Lawrence Critchley, honorary member of the Fleet Air Arm Association, said: "Naval personnel including high

ranking officers attended along with local dignitaries, veterans and members of the public. The ceremony at the monument was very special and afterwards a reception was held at the Bull and Dog Inn, which was popular during HMS Ringtail's operational years."

RURAL GROUP SLAM WASTE SITE PLAN

Report by **Henry James**

CPRE join MP in opposing landfill firm extension bid

THE Campaign to Protect Rural England West Lancashire District Group has blasted proposals for a western extension to the Whitemoss Landfill site for the disposal of hazardous waste near Skelmersdale.

Group chairman Margaret Wiltshire claimed the proposal is not for the continuation of present activity but for "a huge increase in landfilling and extends over a much longer period."

She added that the proposal "includes open cast mining of coal and clay for profit, followed by land–filling and land–raising with hazardous materials close to housing built only a few years ago on the promise that the site would soon close."

Calling the proposal "monstrous" the CPRE branch chief added: "We believe Whitemoss Landfill has shown its true colours. It has never intended to operate for a few years and then remediate and close the site. Its ambitions are long term and enormous."

She also claims that the current consultation process is being "controlled" by the company and that it is seeking to sideline Lancashire County Council's plan by getting approval through the Secretary of State for 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure.'

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper is also opposing plans to extend the size and the lifetime of Whitemoss landfill site to allow the continued dumping of hazardous waste for a further 22 years. She said: "If this planning application gets approval Whitemoss will have been open 40 years longer than was intended. Quite simply that is unfair and enough is enough.

"For this reason I am encouraging residents to say no to any extension for Whitemoss landfill site."

Whitemoss chief Rob Routledge, however, said the site operates with "minimal impact on those who live and work near it" and that the new landfill area "will be operated to the same high standards."

He also insists that the proposals include a restoration design that is integrated with the existing landfill site. He said: "There is a demonstrated

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Call for vigilance after 11–year–old targeted by driver

. . . but police seek to reassure public

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE are advising parents and carers to be vigilant after an 11–year–old boy was approached by a man who tried to coax him into a car.

But they are also seeking to reassure the public following unsubstantiated reports on social media sites of alleged smilar incidents in West Lancs.

The recorded incident occurred at about 8.30am on Wednesday, May 8 when a man in a dark–blue car approached the boy on the corner of Hesketh Lane and Latham Crescent, Tarleton and asked him to get inside.

Since then, police have received further reports of suspicious behaviour involving motorists in the Tarleton, Hesketh Bank and Burscough areas.

However, these have been fully investigated and discovered to give no grounds for concern and found not to be connected with the original incident.

Area inspector for West Lancs, Christina Shorrock said: "We are aware of a number of rumours circulating on social media sites and understand the public are going to be alarmed and concerned by these reports.

"But, while we are encouraging parents, schools and the community to be vigilant, we would like to reassure people that incidents of this nature are rare and that at this time only one suspicious incident has taken place.

"I must stress that we take all reports made to us extremely seriously and have officers following up every allegation that is made to us.

"However, in order for us to be able to put the most resources into investigating and getting to the bottom of allegations, it is really important that people report first–hand instances of suspicious behaviour and to try and avoid repeating gossip and third–hand information.

"If anybody does see anything suspicious we would urge them to try and take in a description of the person involved or make a note of the registration plate and if at all possible take a picture of the vehicle or person.

"Neighbourhood policing officers will continue to maintain strong links with schools to discuss any developments and when necessary further information will be released via the appropriate channels. People need to be wary of misinformation which is often provided by channels other than the schools or police.

"Parents are advised to discuss any concerns they or their children have with the school and take sensible precautions in relation to ensuring the safety of their children travelling to and from school."

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Helping cancer awareness

STAFF from Asda's Skelmersdale's distribution depot and store were in the Concourse Shopping centre recently to promote Male Cancer Awareness Week. Pictured are Frank Harrington (centre) from Orchid along with Erica Sharrock from Asda's distribution depot and store colleague Ian Grant.

Consultation process 'has been fair' says Whitemoss boss

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and nationally accepted need for hazardous waste sites. It is incorrect to say the proposal is for a large open cast coal mine.

"In order to construct the landfill void it is necessary to extract materials. Most of the materials that would be extracted are clay, mudstones and general fill materials. A small amount of coal will be extracted where it is present.

"The clay and mudstones will be used in construction at the site or exported for use in the construction industry, for example in the manufacture of bricks at the local brickworks.

"The coal will be recovered for use including in the generation of electricity.

"With respect to the draft Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan the previous specific site allocation for Whitemoss has been replaced with a generic criteria based policy based on which any future applications for hazardous waste landfill disposal within the Plan area would be determined.

"The application documents will demonstrate that the site meets the generic criteria in the Local Plan even though the application will be determined through the Major Infrastructure application process."

The Whitemoss chief also denied his firm 'controlled' the consultation process saying the process had been agreed with Lancashire and West Lancashire councils and follows guidance by the Planning Inspectorate.

He added that CPRE members had taken part in the consultation and attended open days, and also urged residents to take part in the consultation.

Man, 22, suffers broken nose in vicious alleyway attack by gang

Report by **Henry James**

A MAN suffered a broken nose and dislocated jaw when he was a attacked by group of men in an alleyway in Skelmersdale.

The unporvoked attacke, which police described as "nasty and vicious", happened on Saturday, May 18 at around 2am near to an alleyway that leads on to Lancaster Crescent near to Elm Grove.

The 22–year–old victim was walking across playing fields between Kiln Lane and Lancaster Crescent when the group of three or four men punched him in the nose and then kicked him in the head as he lay on the ground.

One of the attackers was wearing a red waterproof jacket and ran off towards Kiln Lane.

PC Pete Chesters from Skelmersdale police said: "This was a nasty and vicious unprovoked attack on an innocent man and the people responsible need to be caught and dealt with. The victim is now recovering from his injuries but has understandably been left shaken following his ordeal."

Anyone with information is asked to call Skelmersdale police on 101 quoting log reference LC–20130518–0209.

Taekwondo 'UK centre of excellence' plan for Ashurst Meeting Room

Report by **Henry James**

ASHURST Meeting Room in Skelmersdale could become a Taekwondo national centre of excellence after the borough council named a local martial arts group as the likely candidate to take over the facility.

Skelmersdale Taekwondo Academy has been named by West Lancashire Borough Council as the preferred partner to take on the future management of the venue on Lyndhurst.

The Academy was founded by Nigel Hudson and has been in operation in Skelmersdale for more than 25 years using various facilities, including Ashurst Meeting Room.

It currently uses Pennylands Meeting Room, which it acquired from the council in 2002, as a dedicated training centre.

Mr Hudson is also founder and chairperson of the Taekwondo Development Council, a national body with more than 80 clubs within the UK and recognised by UK Sport and Sport England.

It is hoped the meeting rooms will become a National Centre of Excellence for Taekwondo instructor training, grading and accreditation.

Councillor Ian Grant, leader of the borough council, said: "The proposal from Skelmersdale Taekwondo Academy to turn the building into a national centre of excellence sounds very exciting and the council is looking forward to working with the organisation."

The transfer of Ashurst Meeting Room to a community organisation was agreed by council in October 2012 and council staff interviewed four candidates to find the preferred partner for the facility.

The Skelmersdale Taekwondo Academy want to continue to use their base at the Pennylands Meeting Room and the building is also offered for use by other community groups.

The proposal is to continue to use the building in its current format encouraging community use by working in partnership with the taekwondo centre at Pennylands and the Taekwondo Development Council.

The council intends to transfer the full management of the Ashurst Meeting Room to the Skelmersdale Taekwondo Academy under a long term lease agreement.

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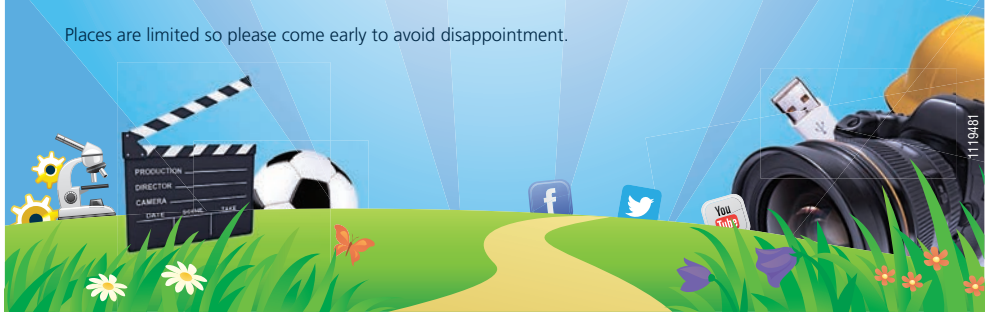


20,000 missed appointments in our hospitals

...and it's costing local NHS more than £2m in lost income

by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is urging patients to let staff know if they are unable to attend an outpatient clinic after 20,000 appointments were missed in the past year.

In the last twelve months the Trust has missed out on more than £2 million worth of income because patients failed to attend appointments and did not inform the hospital beforehand.

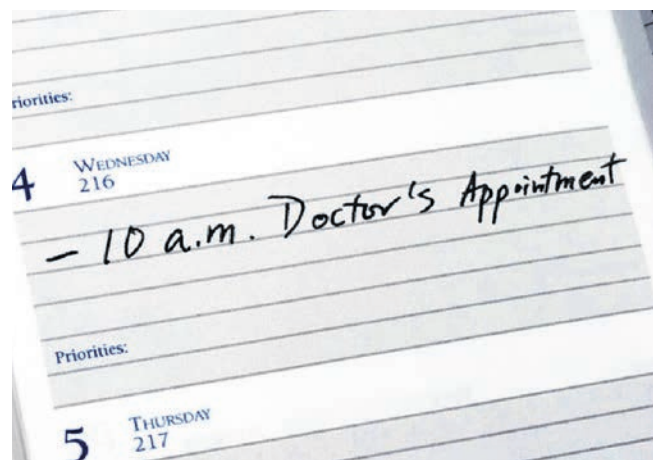
To raise awareness of the impact of missed appointments, leaflets are being sent out with appointment letters highlighting the average cost of an outpatient appointment (£123) even if the patient does not attend.

Sir Ron Watson, Chairman at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "We know there are many reasons why people cannot attend appointments.

"All we ask is that patients let us know if they are unable to attend their appointment and I hope these leaflets will act as a reminder. Another appointment can then be scheduled for a more appropriate date and time.

"We have a service for our patients that allows them to receive a text message reminder for their appointments. I hope this service will help go some way towards cutting down on the number of missed appointments at the Trust."

If you are unable to attend your appointment please let the trust know by phoning 01695 656680 or email soh–tr.appointments@nhs.net



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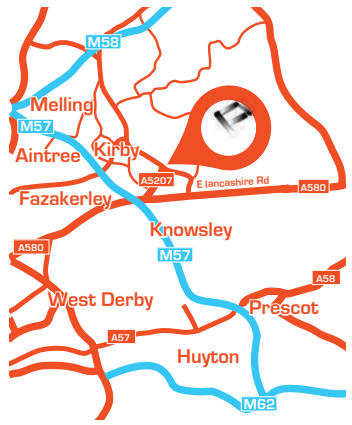

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Danny's riding high!

Report by **Henry James**

Prince's Trust programme leads to place at top college

A LIFE–LONG lover of horses is riding high after gaining a place at a leading equestrian training provider.

Danny Francis from Skelmersdale is set to undertake a diploma in horse care at the prestigious Northern Racing College after completing a Prince's Trust course.

The 21–year–old, who had been unemployed for a year, completed the Prince's Trust programme at West Lancashire College in April and is due to start his diploma course at the Donacster college this month.

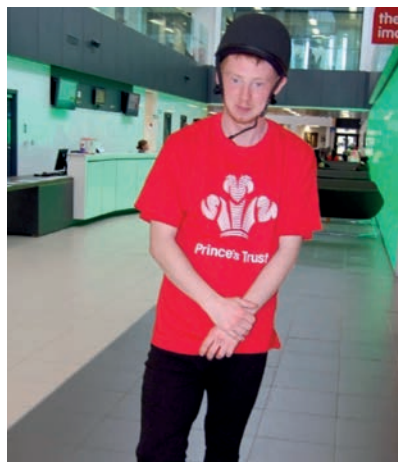
On the 12–week Prince's Trust programme Danny developed his CV, took part in trips and visits, and undertook a work placement.

He said: "I've always had an interest in horse riding and I've been volunteering at a horse riding stable for years.

"But before I never had the confidence to apply for a course like this as I thought I wouldn't get anywhere with it.

"I'm so glad that the tutors at West Lancs College encouraged me to apply for the course and I was over the moon when I was told I had got a place."

Danny continued: "The Prince's Trust course at West Lancs College has given me the confidence I needed to achieve my goals. The course has made me determined to do well at the training school.



Danny Francis who has landed a place at the Northern Racing College. Code NA

"I'm now in the process of organising accommodation with the school. I never thought I'd move away from Skelmersdale and now I'm really excited about the new challenges ahead."

Paula Higginson, Prince's Trust team leader at West Lancs College, said: "Danny has worked really hard to get this far and was a valuable team member when he was with us on the course.

"I am positive that he will do well and we wish him all the best for his course and future career in the equestrian field."

The Prince's Trust will help 55,000 disadvantaged young people this year, giving them the confidence and skills to turn their lives around. Three in four young people on Prince's Trust schemes move into work, education or training.

For more information on the course or future team programmes, call Paula Higginson on 01695 52344 or you can email her at paula.higginson@westlancs.ac.uk

Taking the stress out of school...

Glenburn Sports College headteacher James Harris was invited to open the new Sensory Room at Moorside Community Primary Academy. Code1059110

PUPILS at Moorside Academy Primary in Skelmersdale can now de–stress in their new Sensory Room, built thanks to a £9,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund. They received the money in February.

A spokeswoman for the school said: "The room is helpful in developing strategies for calming children when they may be feeling stressed. Year Six pupils used it during their recent SATS week."

Chris shapes up for body–building success

MOTOR technician Chris Gorman certainly knows a thing or two about fine–tuning and he's no mug when it comes to bodywork either – especially his own!

For when he's not sharpening up hs skills in his 'day job' with 06 Vauxhall in Skelmersdale, the 32–year–old is busy honing his physique as an amateur bodybulder.

Chris, who has had to endure gruelling gym sessions and a special diet, represented Lancashire in the National Amateur Body–Building Assocation (NABBA) championships at the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre.

And – despite organisers playing the wrong song during his individual performance! – the fitness fanatic crowned a strenuous day of competition by finishing a highly creditable sixth position in only his fourth championship event.

Chris, who has dedicated more than 15 years of intense commitment to the demanding sport, commented: "I've been a bodybuilder for many years but it's a daily challenge to maintain a good physique. After working out six days a week and twice a day during the lead–up to the competition I'm delighted with the result of this year's championship. The hard work has paid off."

John Dickson, managing director at 06 Vauxhall, added: "Chris has been putting himself through a very rigorous training programme over the past few months – we don't know how he does it! He's a great asset to the team here at the dealership and we're all very proud of him for securing a cracking result!"

Chris has been working at 06 Vauxhall for more than two–and–a–half years, and in between working and socialising, still finds time to train up to 20 hours a week, as well as sticking to a strict diet of fish, chicken, rice, pasta and potatoes.

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NHS Trust still on course for Foundation status

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk NHS Trust are still on course to gain Foundation status, despite the process being put back a year.

Achieving Foundation status will allow people in the Trust to have a greater say on health care locally but recent major changes to the NHS system have caused all applications to be delayed.

Members are actively being sought to join the organisation once approved, which will allow better public feedback on business plans, consultations and discussions about services.

A spokesperson for Southport and Ormskirk Trust said: "Half of the trusts in the UK are still waiting for foundation status but with all the changes to the NHS over the last few years everything has slowed down a little.

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County cabinet position for Fillis

John Fillis Code NA

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs borough councillor John Fillis has been given an as–yet unspeciified cabinet position with the newly–formed Labour administration on Lancashire County Council.

Despite failing to win an overall majority in the recently–held elections, Labour replaced the Conservatives as the leading party, with 39 of the 84 seats.

And this week they and the Liberal Democrats, who hold six seats, have reached an agreement that sees Labour form a minority administration with the support of the Lib Dems.

Councillor Fillis, who represents Skelmersdale, recently stepped down from leadership of the Labour group on West Lancs Borough Council following his election to the county council.

The full results of the county elections held on May 2 saw Labour win 39 seats, the Conservatives 35 and the Lib Dems six, with three independents and one Green Party representative completing the make–up of the new authority.

Under the agreement drawn up this week, the Liberal Democrats supported a proposal for Jennifer Mein, leader of the Labour group, to become leader of Lancashire County Council.

The proposal was passed at the annual meeting of the full council held last Friday (May 24) and County Councillor Mein was elected as new leader.

She then formed a minority administration with a cabinet made up of the following Labour councillors – David Borrow, deputy leader, Matthew Tomlinson, Azhar Ali, Tony Martin, Janice Hanson, John Fillis and Marcus Johnstone. Cabinet members' portfolio areas have yet to be allocated.

County Councillor Mein said: "We are delighted that we will now have the chance to deliver on our pledge for jobs, especially opportunities for young people and to help protect the most vulnerable in society.

"The reductions in central grant funding will make our task more difficult but we will ensure that we put the people of Lancashire at the heart of our plans for the future.

"We will work hard to serve the people of Lancashire and make it a county we can all be proud of."

County Councillor Bill Winlow, leader of the Liberal Democrat group, said: "I am very pleased with this agreement.

"It is very good for the people of Lancashire and will provide a green, fair and strong economy for our county. We are looking to protect front–line services at a time of major budget reductions. We will work hard to reduce duplication in service provision and to share services with other districts and counties."

Jordan aims to raise £5,000 in memory of grandad

Student seeks sponsors for tribute night in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A TEENAGER is aiming to pay a poignant tribute to his late grandfather and raise a four–figure sum in his memory for a cancer charity.

And 17–year–old Jordan Hughes is hoping to use the skills he has acquired as a student to help him in his quest to raise £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Jordan, who is studying Event Management and Starting Your Own Business with the Open Study College, is looking to recruit local businesses to sponsor a special charity night tribute to his grandad, Peter Halligan, who died in February this year after a brave battle with lung cancer.

Proceeds from the evening – to be held at the Briars Hall Hotel in Lathom in October – will go to Macmillan as a thank–you to the charity's nurses who cared for Peter in the latter stages of his illness.

Diagnosed

And Jordan is hopeful of hitting his target, having already ready raised more than £500 from a previous charity fundraiser at Skelmersdale Labour Club.

He told the Champion:"Grandad was diagnosed in September 2011 and it came as a big shock to the family as it turned out the cancer had been growing for eight years.

"He then went through eight weeks of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy but despite the gruelling treatment he was always a happy person.

"Before he became ill he was a regular at the local Labour club every Saturday and Sunday with his wife Pat. They had been going there for more than 40 years and his Sunday visit was known as his 'church' in our family."

Jordan is hoping local businesses and organisations will get involved in a variety of ways including a sponsorship package that includes 10 tickets for the evening and complimentary wine, gifts and photographs.

Peter's former employers, Burscough–based haulage company WCF Distribution where he worked for 29 years before retiring in 2009, have already pledged their support.

The proposed event, on Friday October 4, will include a four–course meal and entertainment, plus an auction, raffle and celebrity guest. Tickets will cost £25.

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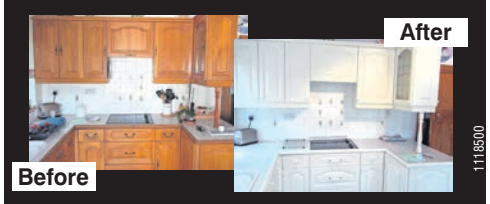

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Glenburn was delighted to have been chosen as the first school to test a new idea - a university research seminar held on the school's premises rather than at the university. The event was hailed as a great success with a larger than usual attendance by both teachers from the school and academics from the university.

Professor Ashley said: "It was a genuine pleasure to be able to tell the school and its teachers how well they are doing with their new Year 7 curriculum. Our research shows clearly that there have been outstanding improvements in Year 7. The school seems set on course for an exciting future."

Mr James Harris, Headteacher at Glenburn said "The link with Edge Hill is very important to Glenburn and informs and strengthens what we are doing. External viewpoints and academic research help us to think about our practice and gets us to think about our actions."

"The seminar was an opportunity to reflect on the school's innovative developments in Year 7 and look forwards to similar developments in Year 8. It clearly showed the positive role which university research can play in improving the experience for Glenburn's students.

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MP calls for review of hospital parking

Report by **Henry James**

Increase in complaints by residents prompts plea

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is calling on Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust to review its car park management arrangements after an increase of complaints from patients and their families.

In recent weeks, Ms Cooper has received numerous complaints from residents who have had problems with parking when attending hospital.

The MP has written to and met with the hospital chief executive to express her concerns and to call for the hospital's car parking management to be reviewed.

But health bosses have hit back to say that drivers may park free for 20 minutes in any of the hospital car parks.

Rosie Cooper said: "I am not condoning people parking incorrectly and using disabled bays without the appropriate blue badge.

"At the centre of these complaints is the size of the fine being issued; the time of day at which these tickets are being issued; and the time between people parking and when the ticket is issued.

"It has been suggested to me that the private company managing the car park could be targeting these motorists as the fines generate income for them.

"It needs to be appreciated that if people are ill or unsteady on their feet then you want to drop them off as close as possible to the front door and see them into the hospital before parking up properly.

"For some people they are faced with an emergency and how they park will not be a priority at all.

BALANCE

"I am hopeful that the hospital can strike a more sensible balance between properly managing the car park to avoid a free for all, but being more considerate of the public and patients using the car park."

Jonathan Parry, chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust responded: "Parking enforcement was either non–existent or patchy until November when the Trust engaged UK Parking Control Ltd (UKPC) to prevent thoughtless and dangerous parking in our car parks 24 hours a day.

"The company issues penalty notices to drivers who park in Blue Badge spaces to which they are not entitled, park on pavements and double yellow lines, or block access to clinical and emergency services such as ambulances and fire engines.

"Drivers may park free for 20 minutes in any of our car parks and there are drop–off zones near hospital entrances with limited waiting.

"We continuously review and fine–tune parking management with UKPC in response to patient feedback.

"Appeals against penalty notices should be made to UKPC. The details are on the penalty notice.

"UKPC may consult the Trust for advice before deciding whether or not to uphold an appeal, for example, where there has been a medical emergency.

"The majority of penalty notices cancelled are issued to drivers who park in Blue Badge bays without displaying a badge but can later prove they own one.

"The Trust makes no money from penalty notice income which funds UKPC's management costs."

Writers' charity success story

A GROUP of keen wordsmiths have penned a success story – by raising £450 for two charities.

Members of the Tarleton Creative Writing Group (pictured) published booklets of stories, muses and poems, which were sold to fundraise for the Alzheimer's Society and Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre. The £2 booklet was sponsored by Harry Edmondson of Hesketh Bank and a limited number are still available to buy.

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Threat to 25% council tax discount for single person households

Advisory group predicts outrage if plans become law

Report by **Henry James**

THE 25% council tax discount which is given to single person households could be under threat.

The Local Government Association (LGA), which is the national voice of local government, is seeking to abolish the discount.

According to the Daily Mail newspaper, more than seven million people are currently thought to receive the 25% discount.

Moves to axe it are likely to incur the anger of people living alone, who, typically, would see their council tax bill increase by an estimated £30 a month for a Band D property.

Communities secretary Eric Pickles has also branded it the 'Bridget Jones tax.'

Council Tax Advisors (CTA), a professional organisation dedicated to helping those owing arrears to the council, predicts public outrage if the proposals became law.

Chris Richards, managing director and founder of CTA, said: "Taking away the 25% council tax discount for single occupants will hit the most disadvantaged parts of Britain hardest.

"The cutback of funding in cash terms will be more drastic in areas where council tax benefit spending is higher."

When the Champion asked West Lancs Borough Council for a comment on the matter, a spokesman responded: "The 25% council tax discount given to single person households is set by the government. It is not at the discretion of West Lancashire Borough Council to alter it.

"The new benefits system came into operation on April 1. We are monitoring this area closely but it is too early to say what the impact is."

In neighbouring Sefton, the Champion asked Sefton Council for a comment on the matter, but they asked us to speak to the leader of the council, Councillor Peter Dowd. However, Cllr Dowd was unable to supply us with a comment as the Champion went to press.

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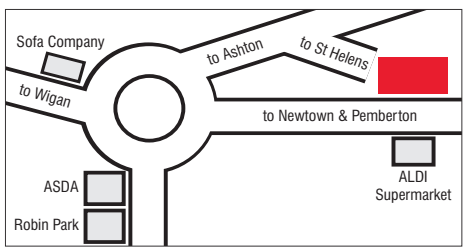

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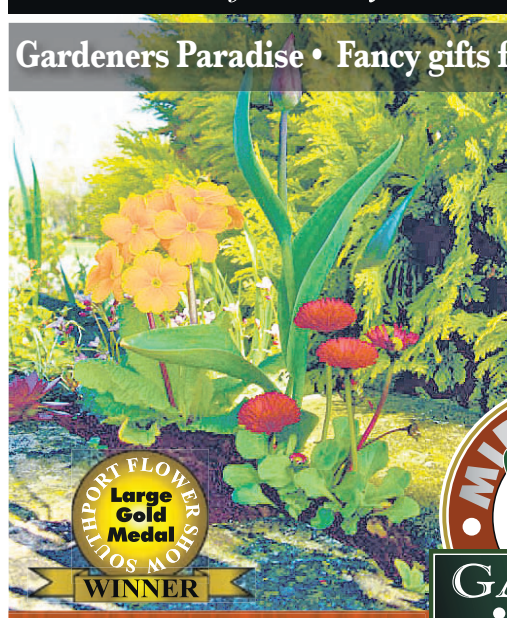

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Cheque a welcome tonic for foodbank

Report by **Henry James**

A CHARITY that aims to provide food for the needy has been given a welcome financial tonic, courtesy of a leading supermarket.

Representatives of Digmoor Community Foodbank in Skelmersdale were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's 'Chosen By You, Given By Us' initiative.

The scheme gives local charities and organisations the chance to nominate themselves or be nominated by the public to receive a donation from their local store.

The Let's Grow Up Healthy Food Initiative and Skelmersdale Day Centre for pensioners, in Birch Green, were runners–up and each received £50.

Asda Skelmersdale community champion, Helen Broady, said: "Our shoppers are always very supportive of this scheme and they have been voting with their green coins. They understand that there is a lot of help needed in the area, especially in the current economic climate."

Digmoor Community Foodbank has a trolley in the store to allow people to give food donations and the charity has had £1,500 worth of food donated since mid January.

Skelmersdale Asda community champion, Helen Broady presents the £200 cheque to Margaret Highton of Digmoor Community Foodbank. Also pictured are Debbie Cartwright of Restart and Richard Daniel, treasurer of Skelmersdale Day Centre. Code1058885

Helen added: "I want to thank customers for their generosity."

The campaign is currently being run with three organisations – the Millie–Rose appeal; West Lancs Carers; and Skem Men–aces football club.

Every two months three charities will be chosen to take part in the scheme. Each time a customer shops at the supermarket, they will be given a token to use to vote. They then have to decide which of the three charities they would like to give their vote to, and place the token in the relevant voting slot.

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Inconsiderate car–parking as big a nuisance as dog–fouling

I'm sure the majority of your readers would agree that dog–owners who allow their dogs to foul the pavements, especially when there are numerous 'Dog Fouling £25 Penalty' signs about, are high on the list of anti–social offenders.

And I'm sure if it was happening regularly on the pavement in front of their house they would be up in arms and comment on it – and quite rightly so. That being the case, could any of your motorist readers explain to me their reasoning for ignoring the car–parking restriction signs and regularly parking on the pavements of residents living on Tower Hill estate, which is now a controlled parking zone, in order to keep appointments at Ormskirk Hospital?

We are not reponsible for the car parking fees or lack of parking space (contact Jonathan Parry, chief executive, Ormskirk and Southport Hospital) and I can assure you that to the residents on the estate your anti–social behaviour is no different – if not worse with the continual slamming of car doors – than that of the owners whose dogs leave the dog mess.

H Pennington, Ormskirk

Thanks, guys, for a very special day

I'd really like to thank the amazing guys who ran the heritage bus from Burscough Bridge inter–change last Saturday (May 18).

They were fantasic and so helpful and friendly and gave everyone a wonderful day.

I'd also like to thank all those who helped organise the day too.

My daughter and I had an absolutely wonderful day and it will be a treasured memory.

Thank you to you all for giving your time and effort to create such a special day.

Julie Haeger,
Up Holland

It's time for a council tax revaluation

WITH all the correspondence re:Edge Hill students living in houses in Ormskirk one matter that appears to have been overlooked is that they do not pay council tax.

To rectify this I would suggest that the government ought to change the rules and subject all residential properties to council tax and at the same time withdraw the discount for single households which would encourage more home owners to share thereby increasing the number of available properties.

What is needed is a revaluation of council tax with no upper limit. It is a national outrage that properties worth more than £100 million in the most expensive areas of London are only charged £1,200.

I am pleased to see that Edge Hill are building more student places on site, but they could build even more if the charged for car parking, thereby discouraging people from bringing their cars to the university, which would free up areas at present used for car parks. This would also benefit Ormskirk as there would be a reduction in road traffic.

**J Berry,
Aughton**

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Paying respect

The White Ensign is lowered as two minutes' silence are observed during the Remembrance Ceremony to mark the role played by HMS Ringtail Royal Naval Air Station at Burscough in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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What happened to university's predicted economic benefits?

As the visibly grotesque expansion of Edge Hill University continues in front of our very eyes like some sort of time lapse explosion, more and more shops are lying empty as businesses desert Ormskirk town centre.

You really do have to wonder where the 'economic benefits' this expansion was going to bring – as promoted by Edge Hill's management, not to mention our MP and council – have disappeared to?

D Ashley, Ormskirk

Bedroom tax is problem but what's Labour's solution?

Councillor Furey is very active in promoting his campaign against the 'bedroom tax' but I have a couple of questions for him.

Firstly, can I assume that if a Labour government is elected in 2015 he has a gold–plated assurance they will abolish the 'bedroom tax'?

And, if so, how would they cover the extra cost to government finance?

Secondly, if there was a Labour council would they not levy the tax?

And, if so, how would they finance the gap?

Or, if they let people off, how would they fund the loss?

It's all very well to campaign but without clear pledges on these matters it really smells of Councillor Furey indulging in self–publicity and being less than honest in the process.

The 'bedroom tax' may be unfair but leading people on is just as bad.

A full–rent council tenant, details supplied

Voting apathy is a good thing!

Steven Lowe's view (Letters, 15/5/13) that you shouldn't have a say in politics if you don't vote is undemocratic.

I believe I have the right to choose, so if I choose not to vote because I don't share the views of the parties up for election, it doesn't mean I can't criticise them or complain about things I perceive to be wrong with the country.

Many people don't vote because they're actually happy with their lives and don't take a great deal of interest in politics.

If they weren't, I'm sure they would look more closely at the main parties and vote accordingly.

This apathy should be seen as a good thing and not another thing to complain about.

Eric Parsonage, Ormskirk

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Think I'll pass up on using buses!

I was interested to read your article stating states that local companies were offering incentives to encourage people to use the buses.

The other day I took my car in for service, so used the bus – usually the one time in the year when I do.

I presented my pass but was told it had expired. I had re–newed it but never received the new pass.

So I had to pay the fare, which was a problem as I only had a note, which the driver couldn't change.

He then had to go for change when we reached Ormskirk but refused to give it to me until we reached my stop.

Not a good impression. So, even if I receive my replacement pass I shall be reluctant to use it.

Still, I suppose it saves the council some money!

A. R., by email, details supplied

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Innocent people could be forced to plead guilty, says local legal eagle

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Fears raised for future of justice system if changes to Legal Aid come into force

A LOCAL solicitor has spoken out against proposed Legal Aid changes warning that it could lead to innocent people being forced to plead guilty.

The government's consultation paper Transforming legal aid: delivering a more credible and efficient system, introduced by Justice minister Chris Grayling in April, proposes changes that will save the government about £220 million a year, on top of savings already made through changes effected on April 1st.

The proposals have galvanised the legal community in protest across the nation, with Nick Archer of Southport's legal team 'Archer, Halliwell, McCormack' going to London this week for a meeting with other lawyers to discuss what can be done.

The proposals include a draft of cost–cutting measures such as making convicted criminals pay for both their Legal Aid and court costs; set fees for cases whether a defendant pleads guilty or not; and limits to legal aid in civil cases where chances of success are better than 50%.

But the most controversial of the changes however is the introduction of competitive tendering, which former Lord Chief Justice Lord Woolf said to the Independent on Sunday newspaper "would lead to a 'factory of mass–produced justice' and miscarriages of justice." By it defendants will no longer be allowed to choose their solicitor and legal teams will compete by tendering a price for each case, a price which must be at least 17.5% less than what it is now.

However Nick Archer accuses the government of being dishonest in its figures: "He [Grayling] has quoted that the current Legal Aid bill as one billion and he wants to save £200 million out of that. What he has not said is that that one billion includes VAT, so he is getting his £200 million virtually straight back anyway."

Archer also says that the government is yet to quantify how much money has been saved by other changes that have already been introduced. The amount of money that clients can recoup from central funds if they win their cases has been reduced to the flat Legal Aid rate, whereas before it could be whatever 'private' rate they had paid out; as it was in the Steven Gerrard case, he said. Gerrard, who was cleared of a charge of affray in 2009, received £311,000 pounds from the public fund to reimburse his legal fees. Also, limited companies can no longer claim from those central funds.

But about competitive tendering he said the: "Our concern is about how innocent people will end up being convicted because unscrupulous firms that will come into this system, seeing that they get paid the same for a guilty plea or a not–guilty plea, will be pressuring clients to plead guilty as fast as they can even though they might have a perfectly acceptable and perfectly proper defence to an allegation.

"A trial might take a morning or it might take a whole day. But you can easily get five guilty pleas in a morning for example, which is five times the amount you get paid."

He mentioned that companies that presently have no experience of offering legal services have already expressed an interest in joining criminal Legal Aid, such as Stobarts, the trucking company."

He said, "A lot of people when they hear about this will say, well, it only affects people who've done bad things; but of course it doesn't. We represent lots of people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in the criminal justice system.

"A simple example: you're driving down Lord Street and someone walks off the pavement without looking, you've not had time to stop and you knock them over. You're suddenly being investigated for causing death by dangerous driving.

"It isn't just people who've chosen to do bad things that are represented in the criminal justice system but everybody is at risk of being involved in it.

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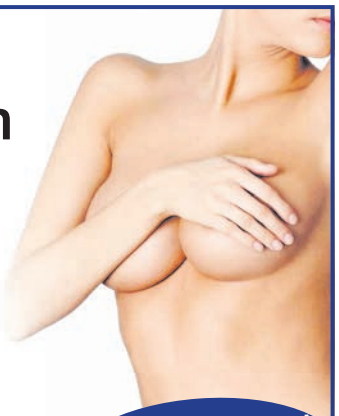

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Mayor signs off from civic duties with trip back to school

OUTGOING Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Paul Greenall paid a visit to Lathom High School as one of the final official duties of his year in office and took part in a number of activities.

On arrival, the civic guest was greeted by the school's student PR team before going on to be guest speaker at a Year 7 assembly where he addressed students about aspiring and achieving to do their very best, as well as telling them about his duties as mayor.

The outgoing Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Paul Greenall is pictured with Lathom pupils near the revamped subway Code NA

Memento

After enjoying lunch in the dining hall, served by some of the students, Cllr Greenall visited the subway area next to the school, which has recently been revamped as part of an Urban Art Project involving students from Lathom.

At the end of the visit the PR team presented him with a piece of student artwork as a memento of the occasion.

A reciprocal visit will now be arranged in the near future as Cllr Greenall invited some of Lathom's students to attend the mayoral chambers.

Debbie Stock, Lathom's community officer, said: "The PR Team were fantastic and need to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. Once again our young people were great ambassadors for Lathom."

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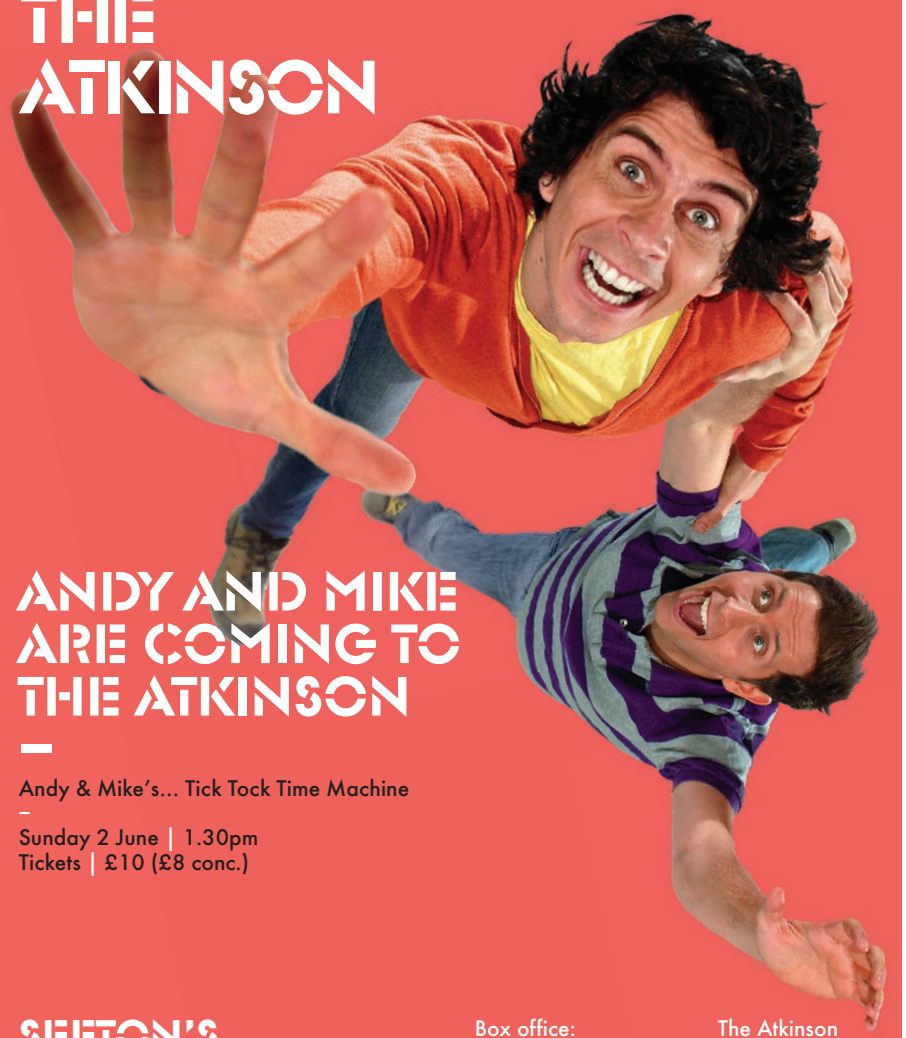

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Exhibitions

The Atkinson visual art exhibition programme will be in full swing by September in the newly refurbished galleries. The first exhibitions will feature a range of old favourites from the collections as well as some surprising new work. Our first exhibition begins on 7 September, Love Stories: Romance, Obsession & Heartbreak

Family Screenings

The Atkinson family screenings show classic favourite films such as Bambi, ET, Labyrinth and The Goonies. Priced at just £1.50 per ticket this includes a free drink for children. For full film listings check the events section of the website.

Children's Workshop

Creative Station are new children's art groups led by Naomi Savory at The Atkinson that take place every Tuesday 10am to 11am and Saturday 10am -12pm (term time only). Naomi will also be running a holiday club 10am -12pm from August Full details and costs are available by emailing naomisavory@thecreativestation.co.uk.

Hope to see you soon, we would love to hear your thoughts and views, you can join the mailing list at theatkinson.co.uk, call 01704 533 333, email info@theatkinson.co.uk or join us on Facebook (The Atkinson) or Twitter (@AtkinsonThe).

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Youngsters involved at West Lancashire Construction Academy Code NA

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Academy and firm team up to boost students' work skills

WEST Lancashire Construction Academy has entered into partnership with a manufacturer of kitchen and joinery products to offer students a chance to improve their skills and get a 'feel' for work.

The partnership will see students on joinery courses at West Lancashire College building new work tops and kitchen structures with materials supplied by Howden's Joinery.

Barry O'Grady, head of New Business Development at Howden's Ormskirk said: "The Construction Academy is a great environment for the learners. The set–up is similar to a construction site so they're using the realistic working environment to improve their skills."

Jeff Hilton, joinery lecturer at West Lancashire Construction Academy, said: "We're thankful to Howden's for everything that they've done for the academy and our students. Our students go into a range of jobs within the construction industry and building these relationships with employers helps the student's progression into their chosen careers."

Barry continued: "It's great to build links in the local community where we can. It's not easy to be a young person starting off in this trade so it's great to help them along where we can."

Eric Naylor, joinery lecturer at West Lancashire College, said: "It's a great opportunity for the learners to work with quality materials and the partnership helps us to keep up–to–date with an ever–changing industry."

Level 3 Joinery student Jack Webster, 19, from Skelmersdale said: "It's been great to work with the materials and the next intake of students will really benefit from working with local companies to gain this experience."

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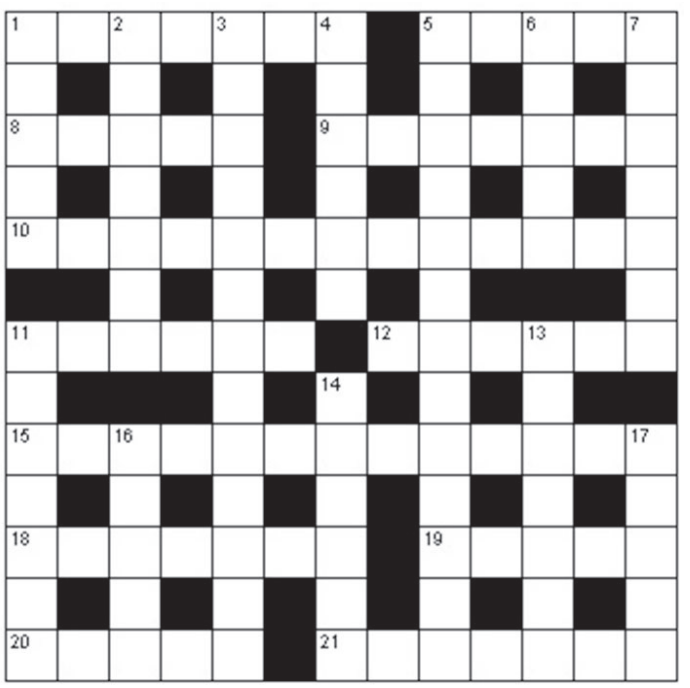

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

Across: 1 Dignity, 4 Bafta, 8 Magnanimous, 9 Nasa, 11 Fir, 12 Dior, 13 Tortes, 15 Sorry, 18 Abrasion, 19 Rope, 20 Catastrophe, 22 Eagle, 23 Present.

Down: 1 Demonstrative, 2 Ninja, 3 Tan, 5 Asunder, 6 Advert, 7 Imprison, 10 Sir, 11 Festival, 14 Travail, 16 Rio, 17 Cement, 19 Riots, 21 Tar.

ACROSS

1 Activity someone does regularly for enjoyment (7)
5 William Webb Ellis allegedly invented this sport in 1823 (5)
8 British slang popularised by comedian Ali G (5)
9 Taking up much space, comparative adjective (7)
10 Popular football pundit, lives in Birkdale (4,9)
11 Grim personification of death (6)
12 Means of approaching or entering a place (6)
15 Sea connected to the Red Sea by the Suez Canal (13)
18 The country Lego was invented in (7)
19 Female ballet dancer costumes (5)
20 Words used to identify people, animals or places (5)
21 Experienced and sophisticated person (7)

DOWN

1 Triangular glass shape with refracting surfaces (5)
2 Popular Spanish alcoholic beverage (7)
3 People who are extremely clever (13)
4 Hinge joints that consist of the humerus, ulna and radius (6)
5 Kingda Ka is the world's tallest at 456ft (13)
6 Known in America as bobby pins but in Britain as Kirkby... (5)
7 Type of short, tight underwear (1,6)
11 Strict fasting month of the Muslim year (7)
13 How politicians are given their position in democracy (7)
14 Considered as the 'cultural capital' of Poland (6)
16 Sturdy cotton fabric, usually blue (5)
17 Too concerned with other people's business (5)

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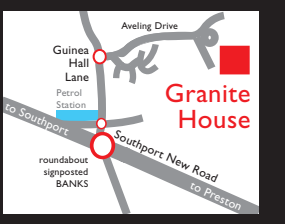

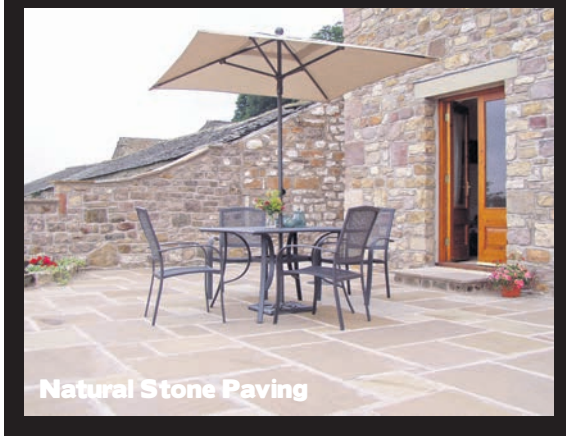

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Two festivals made me less cynical about 'community spirit'

IN the past couple of weeks I've had a huge boost in my faith in 'community spirit'.

Now those are two words I have cynically disliked for years. Community spirit has seemed to me to be another way of saying that a small group of do–gooders doing what they consider to be 'good' for the rest of us.

Too often this really means a really quite small number of people becoming (usually) temporarily involved in doing something for or to some other small group of people who quite probably don't want it doing.

But over two recent weekends (or a bit longer on one case) I have seen for myself just what the community can do when it gets together to do something genuinely good, something people want – something people miss.

First I went along to the Lydiate Festival.

This was an event originally thought up by the local parish council chairman Dave Russell a few years ago – but from the first it was his hope that the whole caboodle should be taken over by 'ordinary' people from Lydiate, with no more than a little help with manpower from the council itself.

And boy, how it worked!

A committee formed largely of people from local schools, Scouts and Guides, organised what turned out to be a truly magical event thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who turned out for it.

And that was the point – they did. It was an afternoon to remember fondly – and though I didn't get to the evening band night I understand that this too was a howling success.

And then, if that were not enough to cheer my jaded spirits, Maghull staged its five–day 'Hornby Festival' – celebrating what would have been toy–maker Frank Hornby's 150th birthday.

This wonderful event was never even a vague plan from a local councillor. This extravaganza (it was billed as such and for once lived up to its billing) came from the Rector of the local parish church who found a Hornby railway in the loft when he was clearing his father's house.

He and a very small committee then set about planning and executing an ambitious programme of events all over the town, all with a them of Frank Hornby.

And there was something to please and interest everyone – from Olde Time Music Hall to a comedy night, from a flower display to a Victorian Fair.

Before it opened I had (and I expressed) severe doubts that something of this size and complexity could be pulled off. I feared it would be a gigantic flop.

And I was totally, absolutely wrong.

The thing was, yes the committee was small (though keen and dedicated) but their success wasn't only in organising the Festival, it was in somehow tapping into the latent skills and enthusiasm of so many other local groups and individuals who saw a chance to produce a truly memorable community event and grasped it with both hands.

I reckon I am a better person after going along to both these local celebrations. My cynical hat is still ready and available for use – but now I would defend to the last the notion that a community really can pull together for the benefit of everybody given the right person – or persons – to push the right button.

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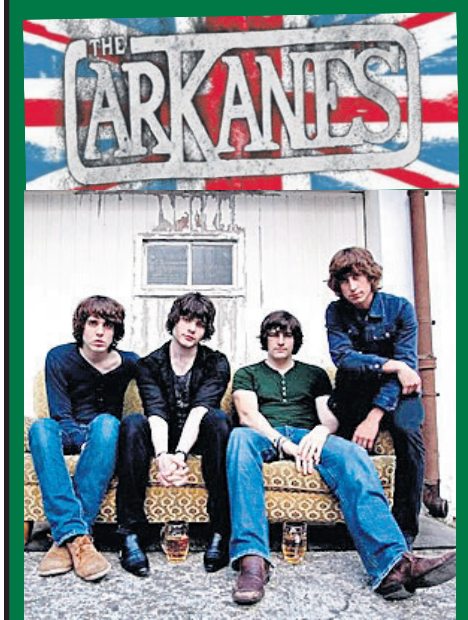

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Taking the strain – young competitors in the tug of war, one of the events not switched inside at Aughton Christ Church School Summer Fair. Code NA

ORGANISERS of the Aughton Christ Church School annual Summer Fair refused to let the soggy weather dampen their spirits and ensured the event went ahead as planned – by switching it indoors.

With heavy rain forecast for the day of the fair (Saturday, May 18) a last–minute decision was made to change the venue from the school grounds to the drier indoor option of the church's Ministry Centre.

And taking the theme of a 'Traditional Country Fayre' it proved a popular attraction with visitors enjoying a host of familiar favourites including tug of war, wellie–throwing, beat–the–goalie and a range of county dancing displays performed by the children. Pupils were then given the chance to take charge for a while as a few unsuspecting teachers took their places in the stocks to be given a real soaking.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Aughton bake–off as pupils and parents went head–to–head putting their baking skills to the test.

Chair of the Parent Helpers Association, Alison Woods said: "While it was a shame about the weather, it's safe to say everyone had a fantastic time. We spent months planning this event and it was good to see the support of parents and staff result in such a great turn–out."

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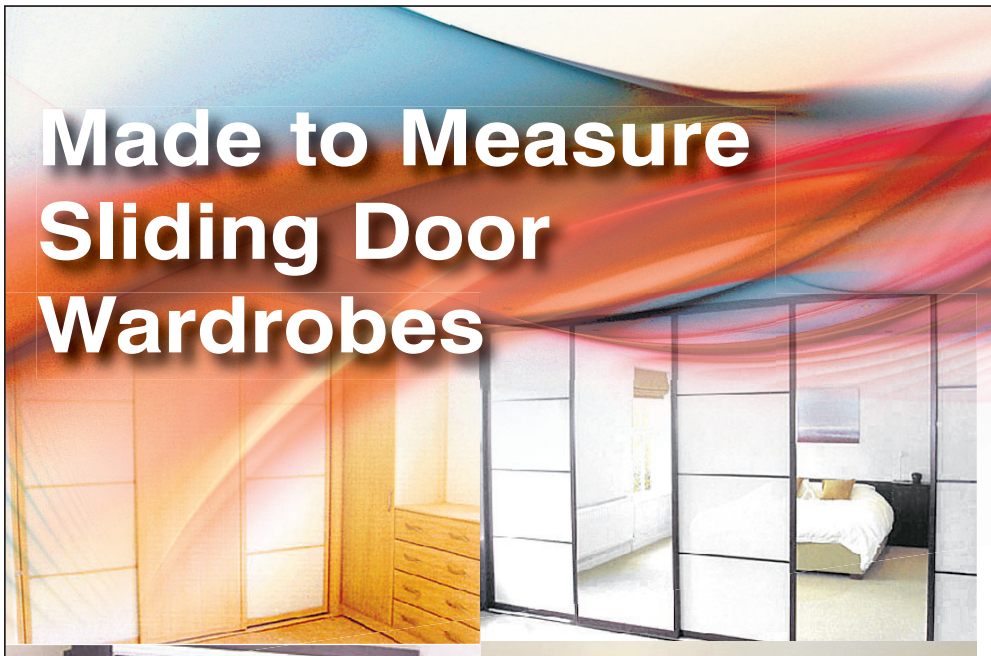

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Bra–vo! Katie's doing her bit for charity

By **Danielle Thompson**

THE owner of a lingerie shop in Ormskirk is doing her bit to help people in Africa – with more than a little help from her customers.

Pandora's Box, run by Katie Givens, offers a discount on new bras to customers who donate their old bras to be passed on to Third World countries via recycling organisation, BCR Textiles.

To date, the store has collected more than 1,000 bras for the charity.

A spokesman for BCR said: "Re–usable textiles are sorted and sent abroad where they can provide clothing for those who either do not have access to or are unable to afford new garments.

"Every year thousands of bras are disposed of and ultimately end up in landfill sites across the UK.

"In Africa there is a demand for affordable bras.

"BCR Bra Banks are a fun and innovative way of taking bras out of the waste stream while raising thousands of pounds for charitable organisations across the globe."

Katie said that she hoped that it would give women the chance to be generous while 'spring–cleaning' their lingerie.

She said: "We have collected between 1,200 and 1,300 used bras so far from our generous customers and it is something we encourage.

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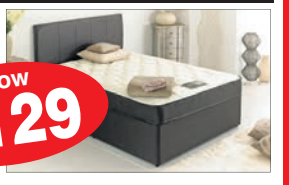

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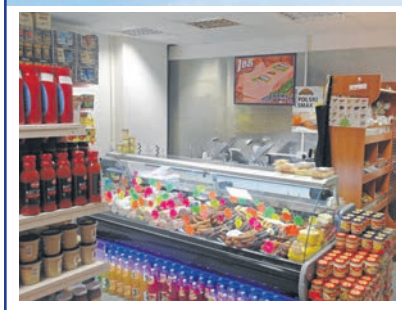

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Minister backs gay marriage

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

. . . but says 'moral decisions' should not be enforced by law

AN Ormskirk church minister has said he doesn't think gay marriage is a bad thing but believes that 'moral decisions' should not be forced upon chuches by law.

Neil Rees of Cottage Lane Mission Evangelical Church spoke out following last week's House of Commons vote on the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill which saw MPs voting 366 to 161 in favour.

He said: "A lot of fuss is being made over this and I know that Christians hold very different opinions. Personally I don't feel that gay marriage is a bad thing. Gay couples who are married could strengthen the institution of marriage with the focus on a faithful loving relationship with a commitment to marry only once and set up a permanent home together.

"Same–sex civil partnerships are already allowed so essentially it's a matter of what we think marriage means, rather than approval or disapproval of same–sex relationships.

"Fundamentally, marriage is a public commitment between one man and one woman carried out in a way that is recognised by society. In a religious context, this commitment is also made in the sight of God.

"The important element is the socially–approved commitment made to each other, not the label used for this. I realise that there are legal differences, but from an ethical standpoint marriage and civil partnerships amount to the same thing."

He believes that marriage is under more threat from other factors including casual relationships, extra–marital affairs and the damage to families from divorce and re–marriage. As Britain becomes more multi–cultural, he believes that our laws must reflect this.

He said: "Britain isn't the same today as it was 50 years ago. We are no longer a Christian country, we are a secular society and laws cannot be based only on one religious option. In the past Christianity could provide the basis for UK law, but that is no longer the case.

"Legislation establishes what is lawful and what is criminal, not what is ethically right. I believe that lying is wrong, but would not want legislation to punish liars.

"Ethical choices motivated by religious conviction should not be imposed on others. The separation of church and state is a reality and UK legislation must cater for all. As such, I support legislation such as this that ensures equality for people of any sexual orientation."

Mr Rees fears that the choice to marry couples could be taken out of the church's hands by the law and churches that choose not to marry couples could be accused of homophobia.

He said: "It is important that legislation respects the conviction of many Christians and protects the right of churches to not conduct gay marriages. The same would apply to other religions, such as Islam.

"There is a strong anti–Christian lobby in the UK at present and it would be easy to turn some Christians' resistance to gay marriage into an attack on the Church.

"The right of one sector of the population, gay couples wishing to marry, must be protected, but not at the expense of others – churches or other religious groups who do not wish to be forced to conduct same–sex marriages.

"To not want to marry gay couples has nothing to do with homophobia – it is a decision for each church to make in light of the convictions that they carry.

"The choice of who should or could marry gay couples should thus be left entirely down to different branches of Christianity – and within these, individual churches should be able to choose."

Meanwhile, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has spoken about why she opted to vote against legalising gay marriages.

She said: "In February when this Bill was first debated in the House of Commons I set out my reasons for voting against it. Namely, that a bill was not included in any party manifesto at the last election; and that I was not sufficiently reassured by the government's protections for religious institutions in the face of legal challenge, which was also reflected by the letters I received."

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Council line up month of events offering public a chance to get close to nature

Report by **Henry James**

A NUMBER of days out have been lined up in June by West Lancs Council to help people enjoy the borough's parks and countryside.

The events will take place throughout the month and will also give people the chance to get close to nature.

Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for leisure, said: "We are now into summer and I hope we get some good weather, so people can really enjoy these wonderful events."

Nature–lovers can find out all about the bats that live in Coronation Park in Ormskirk at the Bat Walk and Talk on Saturday, June 1, starting at 8.30pm.

Bat detectors will be used to listen to the animals. Please bring a torch if you have one. People taking part should meet at the park's bowling pavilion.

Then on Saturday, June 2 the park will be transformed into a Wonderland for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party between midday and 4pm.

Performances from Edge of Your Seat Productions will bring characters from the classic children's story to life. There will be fun for all the family with interactive displays, performances and craft activities.

A special harvest takes place at Beacon Country Park in Up Holland with the Oak Peeling day on Saturday, June 8, which starts at 10am from the Ranger Station. Visitors can join in the harvest of this valuable and overlooked resource and discover more about its surprising range of traditional uses.

Balsam bashing will be the name of the game on Saturday, June 15. Himalayan Balsam is one of the most invasive species that is spreading through the British countryside and is choking out our native flora. The only way to stop it is to remove the plants before they have chance to seed.

Members of the public can help to tackle the problem with the Balsam Bashing event. People taking part should meet at the lay–by opposite Fairy Glen on the A5209, Appley Bridge at 10am. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

All children under 16 require adult supervision for these four events.

Finally, the Kite Flying Weekend at Beacon Country Park will take place on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, between 11am and 5pm on both days. This is an opportunity to join the Northern Kite Group for a weekend of kite flying and displays.

Chance for kids to learn money skills

By Danielle Thompson

CHILDREN will have the chance to learn vital money skills next week as schools take part in My Money Week from Monday to Sunday, June 3 to 9.

Labour MP Rosie Cooper, has called on primary and secondary schools in West Lancashire to host special lessons, activities and debates about finance.

This will be the fifth year of the project between national charity Personal Finance Education Group and Barclays Bank.

Rosie Cooper MP said:"This is a fantastic initiative that all schools and young people should get involved in. The economy is the country's number one priority and our young people need to learn about money and personal finance. My Money Week provides access for young people from all backgrounds to the support they need to learn about money at a time when it couldn't be more important."

Tracey Bleakley, from Personal Finance Education Group, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have the support of Rosie Cooper MP in promoting My Money Week this year, and I hope all schools in West Lancashire will seize the opportunity to take part through our free activity pack, advice and support."

Appeal for info after car thieves strike

POLICE are appealing for information after three cars were stolen from a home in Aughton.

The thieves took three sets of keys from the hallway of Woodbine Cottage Kennels, which has a kennel business attached, on Butchers Lane after sneaking through an unsecured doorway sometime between 10.30pm on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17.

On Tuesday, May 21, police found one of the stolen cars, a white Mini Cooper, burnt out in Kirkby.

The other two vehicles, a silver Toyota Land Cruiser and a silver Peugeot Expert HDI van with internal dog cages, are still missing.

DC Dominic Webster from Lancashire Constabulary said: "An investigation is underway into this burglary but I would appeal to anybody with any information that could assist with our investigation to get in touch.

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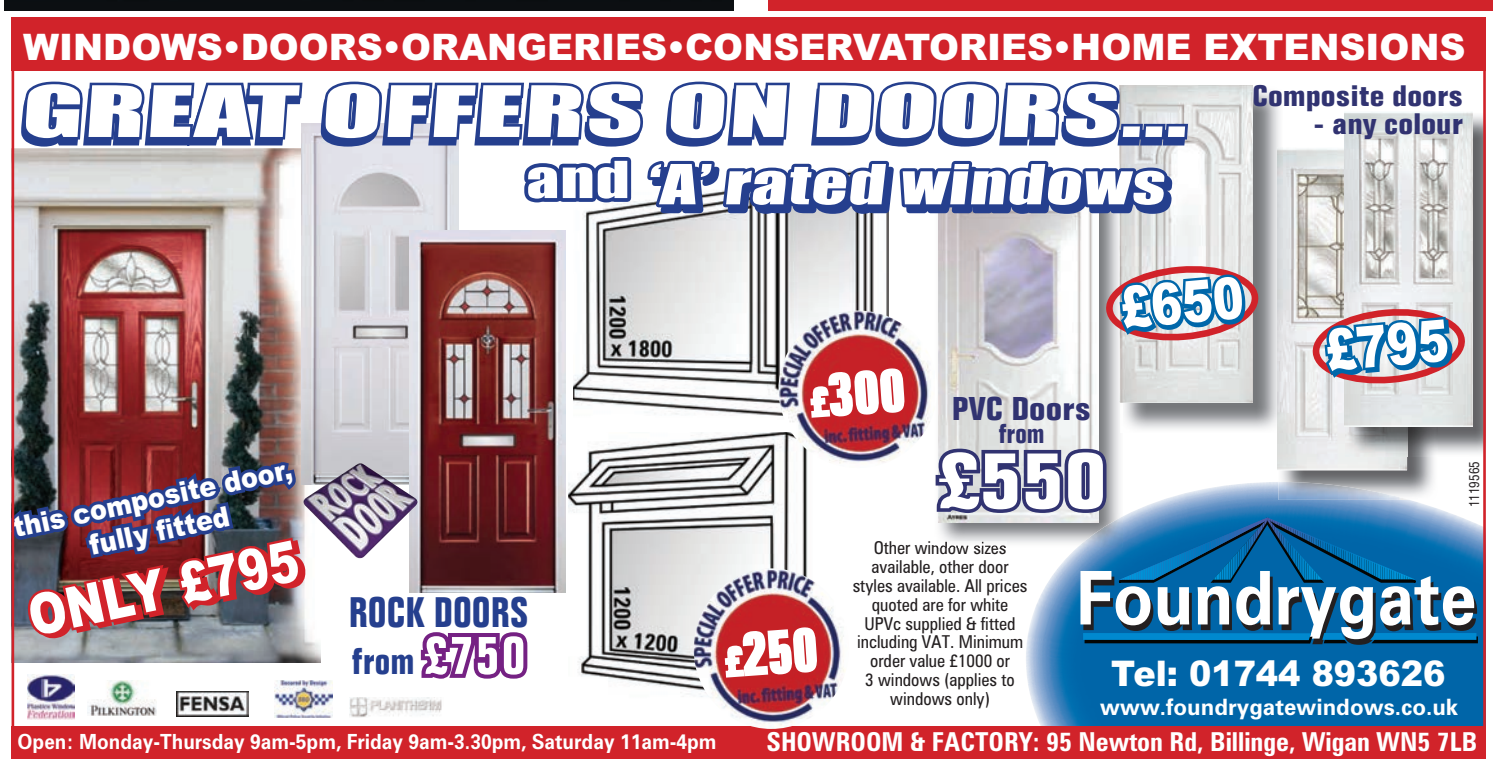
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Finale of musical is a truly grand spectacle

Review by **Ron Ellis**

- Carousel
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AFTER a week in which I have seen Priscilla Queen of the Desert and Showaddywaddy, watching Carousel was like stepping back in time. Only as long as there are people still around who remember The Light Programme, Issy Bonn and Austin Ten cars, will there be a market for these shows, which seem terribly dated now, and this was the demographic make–up of the audience for this latest production.

Despite the title and the opening sequence of a fairground, joy and gaiety are the last words you would think of to describe Carousel. It has none of the elegance of My Fair Lady, which has better songs, or the gaiety of The Boy Friend with its lively Twenties music.

After all, the lead character, Billy Bigelow, (played aggressively by the beefy Ben Wake) is an unpleasant wife–beater who stabs himself to death and ends up outside the Pearly Gates after a failed attempt at robbery with violence.

But let's look at the good points. Bridie Flanagan had a delightful singing voice and showed great humility as the winsome Julie (Billy's battered wife) while Heather Lewis was outstanding as the radiant, Carrie, who marries Mr Snow, played by West End Players protégé, Nick Lloyd, with whom she sang a delightful version of When the children are asleep.

When Billy reached the Pearly Gates, he was welcomed by a rather jaunty Heavenly Friend (David Davies) who allowed him to make himself known to Louise, the daughter he had never lived to see.

Louise was introduced as the solo dancer in the interminable Carousel Ballet which, in a later sequence, surprisingly featured a bunch of ladies seemingly dressed by Nice'n'Naughty.

There are three other memorable songs in Carousel. Lisa Tatler as Nettie, led Carrie and the cast in a vigorous rendition of June is bustin' out all over; You'll never walk alone was sung most movingly by Nettie to the widowed Julie and when Billy reprised their love song (If I loved you) to Julie at Louise's graduation, there was hardly a dry eye in the house. Shame he was already dead.

And this led to the finale, Louise's graduation, a truly grand spectacle with the full cast all decked out in white and Billy saying goodbye for the last time before his ascension (or descent).

MD Tom Chester's flamboyant conducting was a show in itself. Zoe Findley was choreographer and Liz Clark directed.

But, in the end, Carousel, along with shows like Brigadoon and The King and I, belongs to a different era. They are fondly remembered museum pieces, that everyone has seen, and now should be laid to rest as faded memories in sepia scrapbooks.

Star Rating 6 out of 10. Badly needs jazzing up for a new generation.

Opera Viva to take their next production to more venues in Merseyside in June

OPERA Viva are preparing to take their next production, Carmen, to even more venues in Merseyside.

Throughout June there will be performances in Liverpool, Southport, the Wirral and new locations in West Lancashire and St Helens, as well as the company's home base in Crosby.

Sharing the title role are two well–known local singers: Lesley Smith and Isobel Jenkins.

The colourful production will be staged in an intimate setting and will be sung in English.

Location and dates: Wednesday, June 5–Liverpool Academy of Arts, Seel St; Friday, June 7 Westbourne Hall, West Kirby; Saturday, June 8 All Hallows' Church Hall, Allerton; Friday, June 14 The Village Hall, Aughton; Saturday, June 15 St Julie's Church, St Helens; Friday, June 21 Lord St. West Church, Southport; Saturday, June 22 St Mary's College, Everest Rd. Crosby.

All Performances start at 7.30pm.

Group to come to resort in June

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

The Drifters

THE Drifters are back on tour in the UK for their 60th Anniversary and will be coming to Southport Theatre on June 14.

Now in their 60th year, The Drifters have seen massive chart success on both sides of the Atlantic and across the world, with over 114 million album sales and 214 million singles sales and a vast catalogue of hits including Under The Boardwalk, Like Sister and Brother, Saturday Night At The Movies, Save The Last Dance For Me, On Broadway and Kissin in The Back Row.

Billed as the Diamond Dynasty World Tour, the concert aims to be the best to date, and will celebrate the timeless appeal of the band's hits over the last 60 years.

The current recording line up of The Drifters will perform the group's greatest hits and new material recorded by them from album releases Five Decades and Moore (2009), and Up on the Roof (2011), the greatest hits album.

Current Drifters line up member, Pierre Herelle, said: "We are very proud to be fronting the 60th Anniversary of this great brand.

"The idea of the Diamond Dynasty tour is to honour all of the members before us that have made this brand the successful Dynasty it has become today.

"The concert features over 35 tracks and some very interesting new songs making it a very special occasion."

Show just as good second time around

- Dirty Dancing
- Manchester Palace Theatre
- Review by Henry James

LOVERS of the Dirty Dancing film will find all of their favourite scenes in the stage production.

It has returned to Manchester's Palace Theatre – following a successful run at the same venue at the end of 2011.

Paul–Michael Jones is Johnny Castle, the character made famous by Patrick Swayze in the film version. Paul, who played the same role here in 2011, has some impressive dances with Penny throughout the opening of the show.

Jill Winternitz stars as Baby and she brings humour to the part. Baby and Johnny share some good scenes together in Act One, especially when he teaches her how to dance. Baby's first steps on the dance floor are entertaining. I thought the part of the show where Johnny and Baby practice the lift in the lake was particularly well done.

Also appearing is James Coombes as Dr Jake Houseman, who was the Milk Tray man in the 1980s commercials.

Stand out scenes from Act Two were Lisa's (Baby's sister) Hula which had the audience in stitches and Johnny and Baby's last dance to (I've Had) the Time of My Life.

Some of the biggest cheers of the evening, from the predominantly female audience, came when Johnny returns to the resort and said the famous line, "nobody puts Baby in a corner."

The orchestra were on the stage on a raised platform, which was occasionally concealed. I thought the production was at its best when the orchestra could be seen.

This is not just a show about two people coming together against the odds but also a look at family life, class, supporting people in times of trouble and knowing the importance of right and wrong.

Dirty Dancing aims to give you the time of your life, and for many of the people at The Palace it did. 7/10

West End play to be screened to cinema

PETER Morgan's new play The Audience, with Helen Mirren as The Queen, is to be broadcast live from London's Gielgud Theatre in the West End to Southport's Vue Cinema.

Helen Mirren has received an Olivier Award for her performance as The Queen in the production directed by Stephen Daldry.

For 60 years The Queen has met each of her 12 Prime Ministers in a weekly audience at Buckingham Palace – a meeting like no other in British public life – it is private. Both parties have an unspoken agreement never to repeat what is said. Not even to their spouses.

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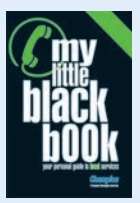

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the length of Tontine Road/Cinnamon Brow/Church Street, Up Holland, from its junction with Sandbrook Road to its junction with A577 School Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Tontine – Sefton Road - B5206 Moor Road – A577 Orrell Road – A577 School Lane and vice versa

Access will be maintained wherever and whenever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of electricity ducting for new cabling to be carried out.

The prohibition of vehicular traffic will be operative from 0930 hours on Thursday 30 May 2013 until 1700 hours on Monday 17 June 2013, or until completion of the works within this period.

Paul Dunne
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[Ref: HEM/226/8/819/AM]

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2013/0383/FUL Erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable homes with off road car parking at Land Between 30 And 44, Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2013/0517/OUT Outline - Demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings and erection of six detached dwellings each with an integrated garage including details of means of access at Longreach, Warpers Moss Lane, Burscough.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2013/0279/FUL* Conservatory at rear at 97 Chorley Road, Hilldale, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2013/0442/FUL Conversion of first and second floors and part of ground floor to student accommodation. Flat roof to replace pitched roof to existing outrigger at rear. Replacement shop front to front elevation at Battersbys, 17 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2013/0512/FUL* Re-modelling of house with associated works, to include a two storey side extension and single storey orangery to rear at 78 The Common, Parbold.

Application No: 2013/0518/FUL* Modernisation of property including partial demolition, various extensions and provision of living accommodation in roof space at 3 Granville Park, Aughton, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

* Householder Applications

In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 29th May 2013
Assistant Director Planning PDNOT670

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Family flowers only please but donations being gratefully received for the British Heart Foundation.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
Teachen
Chloe
29th May

Happy 16th Birthday Sweet P, love you lots Mum, Graham, James and Family, xxx

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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS
Daniel Carl

Sunset 28th May 2012
Aged 25

He went away without farewell, he said goodbye to none. But Heaven's gates were opened wide and a loving voice said 'Come'. Beside his grave we often stand, our hearts are tired and sore. But through the gloom we hear the words 'Not dead just gone before'.
The lights will guide you home.
Now and always
Mum & Dad XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

DEVEREUX
Mark Stephen

27th May - 9 years

In Loving Memory of our Dear Son

The time keeps slipping away, but in our hearts and memories you are there every day

Good night,
God bless Mark

Mum, Dad, sisters Julie & Helen, brothers-in-law Tommy & Paul, nieces and nephews Natalie, Carly, Tayler, Thomas & Paul, great nieces Lillie-Rose & Amber-Jo'an
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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS
Daniel Carl

Sunset 28/05/2012

Aged 25

We will wear your memory proudly.
Our only brother, our true friend.
May our love for you reach Heaven, until we meet again.
Lights will guide you home.
All our love always
Ryan & Elisha XXX

42811

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS
Daniel Carl

Sunset 28/05/2012

Aged 25

There is so much we wish to say, we think about you every day.
We miss your laugh, we miss your smile.
Never lost or forgotten, we imagine them often.
Lights will guide you home.
Good night, sleep tight
Uncle Dan
Carole and Harlow
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ASPINALL
Harry

30th May

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Goodnight, God Bless Son
Mum Dad,
Danielle, Lauren, Joel, Philip, Nathan

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IN MEMORIAM

RB
RIX
(Sonny)
29/07/28
- 01/06/12

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ELLIE TEACHEN

29th May

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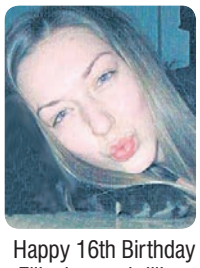

Happy 16th Birthday Ellie, have a brilliant day. Love you all the peas in the world. Mum Dad and Gill and all your family (not forgetting the Pups)
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IN MEMORIAM

BERNIE
Monaghan

2nd June 1952

My smiles hide the sadness
And tears for you still fall
But living my life without you
Is the hardest part of all.
Love Jude
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS
Daniel Carl

28th May 2012
Aged 25

1 year since you left us.
If I could have my dearest wish that could take away my pain
I'd ask for only one thing Dan to have you back again
Nan
XX

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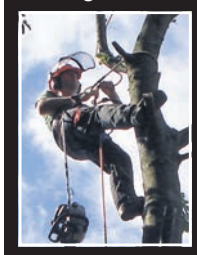

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...or Bank Holiday weekends!

Life on Cars by **David Simister**

SO another Bank Holiday weekend's been and gone. How was yours?

If you were sensible you probably spent it trying to shelter your pint from the searing heat of the sun in a beer garden of your choice, enjoying a round of a rather different sort at the Royal Birkdale or – if you were feeling adventurous – trying to avoid a DIY–induced trip to your nearest Accident & Emergency.

It's just a shame, then, that I loathe Bank Holidays with a venom usually only reserved for Bob Geldof, the music of Will.i.am and the Kia Pride.

Part of the problem is that – unlike days you've chosen to take out your holiday allowance, when the world truly is your oyster and you're free to make whatever carefully considered plans you like for it – Bank Holidays are essentially days when the Government tells you that you must have fun.

Whitehall telling you to enjoy yourself is like telling a six–year–old child to go to sleep – because of the imperatives involved, it ain't gonna happen.

But worse still is the unintended but inevitable byproduct of Britain's population being told, en masse, to have a good time; the slightly silly amounts of traffic on the major roads and motorways from clocking off work on Friday right through to the following Tuesday morning.

As much as I love cars and driving, even I was wishing someone would get on with inventing a successful teleportation as I sat in the same two mile stretch of M6 for the 45th minute last Friday night. If you can liken Britain's road network to a living, breathing thing, then the Bank Holiday weekend represents the clogged arteries that come after the nation collectively gorging itself on the double cheeseburger that is the working week.

I can see the retort coming already; perhaps, rather than being one of these people inconveniently helping cause a bit of congestion, I should have just avoided travelling?

David dislikes Bank Holidays as much as he dislikes Bob Geldof

I would have loved to have travelled at a different time but I could only leave work to get where I needed to be when – you guessed it – work finished. I'd only dared venture onto the M6, at rush hour on a Friday night on a Bank Holiday weekend, because it connects where I'd come from with where I wanted to go. Thanks to the brilliance of Bank Holiday weekends, that's the predicament everyone else was in too.

There was that idiotic suggestion by some Government think tank that Bank Holidays should be abolished altogether, but really what Whitehall ought to do, for the nation's collective commuting sanity, is find a way of managing the congestion nightmares they cause for thousands of people, none of whom especially want to be stuck there.

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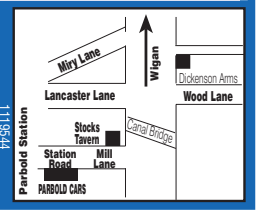

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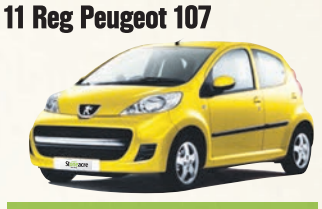

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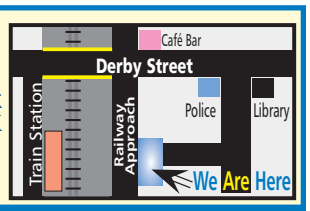

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Skem batters blown away by pace attack

SKELMERSDALE CC can blow hot or cold, but in Saturday's warm sunshine, they blew distinctly cold being heavily defeated at Spring View.

Spring View batted first and reached 203 for 5 in the 40th over.

Skem persevered and took three more late wickets, when Spring View declared on 233 for 8 in the 45th over with Declan Mulvey (73) and Martyn Storey (60) the top scorers.

Jonas Smith took four wickets but otherwise the bowling was too inconsistent.

In reply, Skem were in trouble from the start, and were unsettled by the opening pace attack of Marc Birch and Chris Higham. Wickets fell at regular intervals, and when Skem were soon all out for 88. Peter Wylie was the top scorer for with just 16.

The undoubted star for Spring View was overseas player Umega Jasenthuliyana who bowled 11 overs, taking 7 wickets for 24 runs. Spring View batted better, fielded better, and bowled better and so deserved their win on the day.

Skem 2nd XI hosted Parkfield Liscard and scored a creditable 177 for 7 but the visitors reached tehtarget with five wickets down and three overs to spare. Skem will be regretting letting Parkfield off the hook when they were in a seemingly winning position.

Despite an innings of 65 from Andrew Griffiths, Skelmersdale 3rd XI lost a hard–fought and high–scoring game with Orrell Red Triangle. Skipper Mark Syers, whilst disappointed with the defeat, was full of praise for the juniors, notably Jack Maddocks who starred with bat and ball, and also Harry Marston and Andre Hughes who bowled well.

On Monday, the much–awaited local derby with Burscough was abandoned without a ball being bowled, as was the 2nd XI home game with Alder.

Caunce takes five to set up victory

But Burscough sink to bottom after draw

FOR the first time this season all our local clubs in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition finally got a full game of cricket in on Saturday and Ormskirk took the opportunity to enjoy a six wicket win at Fleetwood Hesketh.

After electing to bat first the hosts slipped to 48–6 with Nicky Caunce (5–33) in outstanding form with the ball, before some rearguard action from Adnan Malik (23) and Paul Mullen (22) helped them to 120 all out.

In reply an unbeaten 49 from keeper Gary Knight and 27 from Andy Baybutt helped see the visitors to victory on 121–4.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division Maghull lost by 108 runs at current champions Lytham.

After electing to bat the hosts racked up 262–4 dec in 50 overs, thanks to Alex Davies (70), Dom O'Brien, Fayaz Ughradar (65) and an unbeaten 25 from Joe Davies with Muhammad Abid taking 3–64.

In reply a defiant 92 from former skipper Jon Ring and 25 from Donavan Pell were the only Maghull batting highlights in their 154 total, with Anthony Mulligan (3–24) and Ben Saunders (3–27) the pick of the bowlers.

In the Second Division Burscough are now bottom of the table after drawing at home to Wavertree.

After being put into bat the visitors eventually declared after 58 overs on 188–5 thanks to an unbeaten 116 from Ken Highdale with Chris Andrews taking 2–17. In reply the hosts struggled to 116–8 off 50 overs with Andrews (28) top scoring and Kamir Sohail taking 4–23.

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United announce season ticket prices

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Adult season tickets will be £160 and concessions £68, but there is a discount available to those purchasing their season tickets before July 1 of £10.

There are some places that will be new to the Skelmersdale supporters' satellite navigation systems next season, even the older ones.

Two trips are over 350 mile round trips, King's Lynn (388) and Blyth Spartans (369), while three are over 250 miles there and back; Grantham Town, Stamford and Whitby Town.

Another surprise addition is that of Barwell, who were in the Southern League last season, they are based part way between Coventry and Leicester.

The nearest grounds are Marine and Chorley, just 14 and 18 miles away respectively.

Skelmersdale United will experience some expensive coach fares.

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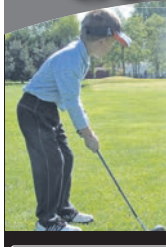

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